

Judith A. Monroe, M.D. State Health Commissioner



DATE:

June 19, 2009

TO:

All Local Health Departments

Attn: Chief Food Inspection Officer

FROM:

A. Scott Gilliam, MBA, CP-FS

Manager, Food Protection Program

SUBJECT:

Unilever United States, Inc.

SUGGESTED

ACTION:

Unclassified Recall; Imported Knorr® Kosher Soup Mix - Chicken Vegetable Flavor with Pasta

Due to Undeclared Allergen; Recommend notification to establishments that may carry these

products via phone, fax or e-mail.

From the information provided by FDA, the product being recalled was distributed in the State of Indiana. The product was manufactured in Israel by Unilever Bestfoods Israel Ltd. Detail information is not available at this time. Please notify this office at 317-233-7360 if any recalled product is found.

Unilever United States, Inc. Conducts Nationwide Voluntary Recall of Imported Knorr® Kosher Soup Mix - Chicken Vegetable Flavor with Pasta Due to Undeclared Allergen

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE – June 19, 2009, Englewood Cliffs, NJ – Unilever United States, Inc. is voluntarily recalling *Knorr*® *Kosher Soup Mix* – *Chicken Vegetable Flavor with Pasta* imported from Israelbecause it contains undeclared egg. Persons who have an allergy or severe sensitivity to egg run the risk of a serious or life-threatening allergic reaction if they consume this product. The situation has been investigated and corrected.

The product was distributed nationwide. There have been no reported cases of illness.



Product Name and Description: *Knorr*® *Kosher Soup Mix – Chicken Vegetable Flavor with Pasta* (imported from Israel)packed in a pouch (bag) 2.18 oz (62 g).

The product was manufactured in Israel by Unilever Bestfoods Israel Ltd. and imported and distributed by a third party (see back of package).

UNIT UPC: 4800170660 (located on the back of the pouch under the bar code) – including all "BEST-IF-USED-BY" dates (located on a panel next to the UPC). The recall was initiated after it was discovered that product containing egg was distributed in packaging that did not reveal the presence of egg.

Consumers who have the *Knorr® Kosher Soup Mix – Chicken Vegetable Flavor with Pasta* product are asked to discard it and call 877-270-7412, which is operational 24 hours a day, for information on the recall and to request a full refund. In addition, a consumer services representative is available between the hours of 8:30 AM and 6:00 PM EDT.

The company is placing a notification on the Food Allergy & Anaphylaxis Network (FAAN) web site www.foodallergy.org and notifying FAAN's individual members.

This recall involves only ONE product, Knorr® Kosher Soup Mix – Chicken Vegetable Flavor with Pasta. Therefore, no other Knorr® products, including the following, are affected by this recall: Knorr® brand kosher soup mixes, Knorr® non-kosher soup mixes, Knorr® classic sauces, pasta sauces, recipe mixes, Knorr® bouillon cubes and granulate, gravies, and Knorr®/Lipton® sides (Fiesta, Cajun, Asian, Italian, Pasta, Rice and Sides PlusTM Veggies.)

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Photos: Product Labels

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